

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD Thursday, March 14, 2024 (4:30 PM) *Combined Workshop/Meeting

ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS: Stacey Goodson
Chris Johnson
Tony Pumphrey
Michael "MJ" Jackson
Chephus Granberry

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Steve R. Benton, Sr., Superintendent; H. Matt Fuqua, Board Attorney; Aaron Day, Deputy Superintendent; Directors; and citizens

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Chairman Tony Pumphrey.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Approval of the AGENDA

Recommendation: Approval of the AGENDA
ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Chris Johnson) Moved, Member (Michael "MJ" Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approval of the AGENDA'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 5 - 0

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Recognition of Tinsley Sims for Completing 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program

Tinsley was unable to attend, and this recognition will be scheduled at a later date.

3.2 Recognition of State BETA Competition Winners from Marianna High School

Superintendent Benton and the Board recognized and congratulated the Marianna High School BETA students for their success at the recent State BETA Competition.

4.0 CITIZEN'S REQUEST

4.1 Citizens Request: This time is set aside for the Citizens of Jackson County to address the School Board. This is not a question and answer period, nor a political forum. Personal accusations and/or derogatory remarks will not be tolerated. Comments should be limited to three minutes or less. In the interest of time, the Chairman reserves the right to limit the number of speakers on a single topic to two individuals. Please arrive prior to the meeting to complete a "Request to Speak" card. In order to adhere to CDC social distance guidelines, building and or board room access may be limited to the speaker.

After item 13.3, Chairman Pumphrey recognized Darlene Land who had completed a request to speak card. Ms. Land stated she was speaking as a voice for inclusion for students.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approval of the CONSENT AGENDA

Recommendation: Approval of the CONSENT AGENDA
ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Stacey Goodson) Moved, Member (Chris Johnson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approval of the CONSENT AGENDA'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 5 - 0

5.2 Approval of the Minutes of the September 6, 2023 Master Board Training (No Voting)

This training was set up as a workshop and these minutes are to provide documentation of the training.

5.3 Approval of the Minutes of the February 7, 2024 Special Board Meeting

5.4 Approval of the Minutes of the February 15, 2024 Master Board Training (No Voting)

This training was set up as a workshop and these minutes are to provide documentation of the training.

5.5 Approval of the Minutes of the February 15, 2024 Regular Board Workshop

5.6 Approval of the Minutes of the February 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

6.0 OTHER AGENDA ITEMS - Consent

6.1 Approval of OTHER AGENDA MATTERS - CONSENT

Recommendation: Approval of OTHER AGENDA MATTERS - CONSENT
ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Chephus Granberry) Moved, Member (Stacey Goodson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approval of OTHER AGENDA MATTERS - CONSENT'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 5 - 0

6.2 Permission to Advertise Revision to Board Policy 5200

Policy 5200 - ATTENDANCE update is to correct wording on page 4, to match F.S. 1003.26

6.3 Approval of Travel by School Board Members and Estimated Travel Reimbursement Pursuant to Florida Statute 1001.39(1) for the Advanced School Finance Forum (April 18-19, 2024)

Board Members Chephus Granberry and Michael Jackson have expressed interest in attending the FSBA Advanced School Finance Forum as part of the FSBA Certified Board Member Program. Attendance at these meetings is for official business of the school district and complies with rules of the State Board of Education providing training and support of the school board members. Attached you will find the tentative agenda for each event and estimated itemized travel reimbursement for each board member.

7.0 OTHER AGENDA ITEMS - Action

8.0 PERSONNEL - Consent

8.1 Approval of PERSONNEL - CONSENT

Recommendation: Approval of PERSONNEL - CONSENT
ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Chris Johnson) Moved, Member (Michael "MJ" Jackson) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of PERSONNEL - CONSENT'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

8.2 Summary of Personnel

8.3 Non-Instructional Recommendations

8.4 Instructional Recommendations

8.5 Transfers

8.6 Retirements

8.7 Requests to Enter or Extend DROP

9.0 PERSONNEL - Action

Board Member Granberry requested the job description item to be moved to section 9.0 for separate discussion and voting.

9.1 Amend Job Descriptions for Low Voltage Infrastructure and Electronics Technician I, II, and III

Recommendation: Approval to Amend Job Descriptions for Low Voltage Infrastructure and Electronics Technician I, II, III
ORIGINAL - Motion

Mr. Granberry asked several questions about the changes to the job description which prompted a discussion.

Member (Chris Johnson) Moved, Member (Stacey Goodson) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval to Amend Job Descriptions for Low Voltage Infrastructure and Electronics Technician I, II, III'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 1. The motion **Carried. 4 - 1**

Stacey Goodson	Yes
Chris Johnson	Yes
Tony Pumphrey	Yes
Michael "MJ" Jackson	Yes
Chephus Granberry	No

10.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS - Consent

10.1 Approval of FINANCIAL MATTERS - CONSENT

Recommendation: Approval of FINANCIAL MATTERS - CONSENT
ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Stacey Goodson) Moved, Member (Chephus Granberry) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of FINANCIAL MATTERS - CONSENT'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

10.2 Approval of Monthly Cash & Investments

10.3 Approval of Revenue Summary

10.4 Approval of Budget Amendments

10.5 Approval of Budget & Expense Summary

10.6 Approval of Payroll Calendars for SY2024-25

11.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS - Action

12.0 CONTRACTS/RESOLUTIONS/AGREEMENTS - Action

12.1 Head Start Transportation Waiver Request for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Recommendation: Approval of the Head Start Transportation Waiver Request for the 2024-2025 School Year.
ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Chris Johnson) Moved, Member (Michael "MJ" Jackson) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of the Head Start Transportation Waiver Request for the 2024-2025 School Year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

12.2 Approval of Group Health Contract between Jackson County School Board and Panhandle Area Educational Consortium for Plan year 2024

Mr. Pumphrey asked if the district will pursue other insurance vendors. There was discussion about seeking other vendors for better insurance pricing. It was mentioned that school districts are not part of the State of Florida employee group and that our district has been able to maintain the rates with no increase to the employees for the past few years. Also, Walton County School District has joined the PAEC group and hopefully this will help bring more competitive rates with their district added to the self-insured group.

Recommendation: Approval of Group Health Contract between Jackson County School Board and Panhandle Area Educational Consortium for Plan year 2024
ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Stacey Goodson) Moved, Member (Chris Johnson) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of Group Health Contract between Jackson County School Board and Panhandle Area Educational Consortium for Plan year 2024'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

13.0 PROJECTS/PROGRAMS/GRANTS/PLANS - Action

13.1 Head Start & Early Head Start Continuation Grant Application 2024-25

Mr. Johnson asked if there are any changes to the application that might help with the Pre-K program's budget issues? Mr. Goodson asked if there will be staff changes? Ellen Folsom, Finance Director, stated we will be working with the program administrator to keep their staffing numbers and program expenses within their budget. Mr. Granberry asked about reimbursement for indirect costs. Mrs. Folsom stated we have not recovered these costs for the last several years.

Recommendation: Approval of the Head Start & Early Head Start Continuation Grant Application 2024-2025

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Chris Johnson) Moved, Member (Stacey Goodson) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of the Head Start & Early Head Start Continuation Grant Application 2024-2025'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

13.2 Head Start Self-Assessment Executive Summary, Community Assessment and Training & Technical Assistance Plan

Annual Reports and Plans required by the Office of Head Start

Recommendation: Approval of Head Start Self-Assessment Executive Summary, Community Assessment and Training & Technical Assistance Plan

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Stacey Goodson) Moved, Member (Chephus Granberry) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of Head Start Self-Assessment Executive Summary, Community Assessment and Training & Technical Assistance Plan'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

13.3 Early Childhood 5 Year Strategic Plan and Program Goals 2020-2025 (Year 5 Goals)

Recommendation: Approval of Early Childhood 5 Year Strategic Plan and Program Goals 2020-2025 (Year 5 Goals)

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Chris Johnson) Moved, Member (Michael "MJ" Jackson) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of Early Childhood 5 Year Strategic Plan and Program Goals 2020-2025 (Year 5 Goals)'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

14.0 FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION - Action

14.1 Removal/Disposal of Junk, Surplus, or Obsolete Property from Inventory according to Board Policy

Request is being made for the Removal of Junk, Surplus, or Obsolete Property from Inventory according to Board Policy. List(s) Attached.

Recommendation: Approve Removal/Disposal of Junk, Surplus, or Obsolete Property from Inventory according to Board Policy

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Stacey Goodson) Moved, Member (Chris Johnson) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Removal/Disposal of Junk, Surplus, or Obsolete Property from Inventory according to Board Policy'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

14.2 Facilities Five Year Work Plan

The Five-Year Work Plan is prepared using a computer program provided by the Department of Education's Office of Educational Facilities. Once the Board reviews and approves the plan, it will be submitted to the Office of Educational Facilities.

Mr. Benton asked Dallas Ellis, Facilities Director, to give an overview of the 5-year Work Plan board item. Mr. Ellis stated this is a document required by Department of Education (DOE) listing the District's "hopes and wishes". The plan is very fluid and requires a vote by the board each year. Mr. Ellis stated items on the plan are either "funded" or "unfunded". Mr. Pumphrey stated projects on the plan might not be done. There was also discussion about Special Facilities funding and PECO money. Ellen Folsom stated public school district no longer receive PECO funds. Mr. Pumphrey stated some of the calculations on the plan do not add up correctly and it is very hard to vote on something you know is not calculated correctly. Mr. Ellis stated the online form only allows him to input certain data and there is very little he can change. Mr. Ellis said he has called and emailed DOE for assistance, they indicate they will assist however they have not followed up with answers.

Recommendation: Approval of the Facilities Five Year Work Plan

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Chris Johnson) Moved, Member (Michael "MJ" Jackson) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of the Facilities Five Year Work Plan'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 3 Nay: 2. The motion **Carried. 3 - 2**

Stacey Goodson	Yes
Chris Johnson	Yes
Tony Pumphrey	No
Michael "MJ" Jackson	Yes
Chephus Granberry	No

15.0 PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$10,000.00 - Action

15.1 Purchase Order to Hubert Company for Food Service Equipment to Support Summer Feeding Program

Provides for replacement of and new equipment to support the Summer Feeding Program from excess funds received from the 2023 Summer Feed Program.

Mr. Granberry noted the board item states this equipment purchase is "...to support the Summer Feeding Program..." and he clarified this equipment should support the total food service program.

Recommendation: Approval of the Purchase Order to Hubert Company for Food Service Equipment to Support Summer Feeding Program

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Chephus Granberry) Moved, Member (Stacey Goodson) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of the Purchase Order to Hubert Company for Food Service Equipment to Support Summer Feeding Program'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

15.2 Purchase Order to Sun State International Truck for the Purchase of One (1) 47-Passenger Type C Bus with Lift

Recommendation: Approval of Purchase Order to Sun State International Trucks for the Purchase of One (1) 47-Passenger Type C Bus

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Chris Johnson) Moved, Member (Chephus Granberry) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of Purchase Order to Sun State International Trucks for the Purchase of One (1) 47-Passenger Type C Bus'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

15.3 Purchase Order to Atlas Greenhouse for a Greenhouse Kit for Sneads High School Agritechnology Department

This purchase request is for a greenhouse kit for Sneads High School Agritechnology Department.

Recommendation: Approval of Purchase Order to Atlas Greenhouse for a Greenhouse Kit for Sneads High School Agritechnology Department
ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Chris Johnson) Moved, Member (Stacey Goodson) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of Purchase Order to Atlas Greenhouse for a Greenhouse Kit for Sneads High School Agritechnology Department'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

16.0 EXPULSIONS

16.1 School Expulsions

Recommendation: Approval of School Expulsions
ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Stacey Goodson) Moved, Member (Chris Johnson) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of School Expulsions'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

17.0 JUST CAUSE ITEMS

18.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

18.1 Food Service Update

18.2 JCEA Announcements/Update/Input

In accordance with the approved JCEA Master Contract, Item #2.12

18.3 JESPA Announcements/Update/Input

In accordance with the approved JESPA Master Contract, Item #6.8

18.4 Out of State Travel

18.5 PK-12 Student Enrollment as of March 5, 2024 was 6028.

18.6 Suspension Reports for the Month of February 2024

18.7 Resignations

18.8 Preschool and Early Head Start February Monthly Report 2024

18.9 Head Start Monthly Financials

18.10 Financial and Federal Single Audit for FYE 063023

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18.11 Hope School/Jackson Alternative School

Mr. Stacey Goodson opened the discussion regarding combining Hope School and Jackson Alternative School. He stated he has received numerous telephone calls from concerned parents and citizens. Mr. Goodson asked Mr. Matt Fuqua, Board Attorney, who sets the location for schools? Mr. Fuqua stated the School Board sets the place for student attendance. Mr. Tony Pumphrey stated there have been no plans presented in the last 5 years and no discussion of combining the schools. Superintendent Benton provided the board members with copies of the March 29, 2023 meeting agenda and meeting minutes. He addressed agenda item 6.1 and read from the minutes the statement of a discussion about the ACE/CACL students and Hope School students on the same campus. Mr. Chephus Granberry stated the board has not voted to join the campuses, only to renovate Hope School's campus. Mr. Benton stated the LBR (Governor's renovation appropriation) was approved to increase the student population at Hope School by 60 students. He stated there has been discussion in meetings of two schools on the one campus, creating the population increase of the campus we are remodeling. Mr. Chris Johnson stated he recently visited Hope School and the campus is big, providing lots of room, and the renovation is looking good. He stated nobody likes to change and understands there is a lot of concern. He stated safety is always a top priority of this Board and after the tour of the campus he can see how the two schools could be kept separate. Mr. Johnson also stated that Jackson Alternative School gets a bad rap, stating these are not bad kids, just kids who made bad decisions. He also noted the only time he saw any students out of a classroom at Hope School was when the students were going to PE and the adults were with them. Chairman Pumphrey recognized the following individuals who completed request to speak cards: Ann Bruner, Alana Allen, and Michelle Thomason each spoke regarding Hope School/Jackson Alternative School. Superintendent Benton asked Mr. Rex Suggs, Principal of Jackson Alternative School, to give the board members and audience an overview of the ACE/CACL program. Mr. Suggs detailed the procedures for arriving and leaving campus for all students, stating students are walked to and from class, to and from lunch, to and from the clinic. Students do not roam anywhere alone. Students are searched upon arrival at school and before they leave each day. The short-term students have the same process. Mr. Suggs stated there is a real misconception about the students at Jackson Alternative School. They are special kids and they need acceptance. Mr. Suggs stated, given the task, he and Dr. Braxton will work out the logistics of safely operating two schools on one campus. Mr. Suggs said a student once told him, "I'm not a messed-up person, I'm just a person who messed up." He told the board members, Jackson Alternative needs a home, stating for 35 years we have been in a borrowed spot. A parent asked Mr. Suggs if the students at JAS receive intervention or mental health services? Mr. Suggs replied, "yes, and yes". He closed by saying "come see us and if you "check-out" you can walk with me around campus." Superintendent Benton stated he met separately with Mr. Jackson and Mr. Johnson this week at the Hope School campus for a tour, and he invited the other board members to do the same. Mr. Goodson stated he would like to have a workshop, maybe at Hope School for specific discussion and a tour of the facility. Mr. Benton stated he would work on scheduling a workshop at Hope School pending the construction/remodel activity. Chairman Pumphrey said he had one more comment and then he would adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pumphrey said the board has voted on a contract, we have not voted on any plans at Hope School, and we have not voted on merging the two schools.

19.0 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER/SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

19.1 Dates to Remember

20.0 ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:20 PM.


Steve R. Benton, Sr., Superintendent of Schools


Tony Pumphrey, Chairman of the Board